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| 10. | Smt. Karuna Sharma, Village: Nurpur Bet. Distt. Ludhiana. |
| 11. | Shri Mahinder Singh Kalyan, President, The Punjab State Small and Medium Newspaper Association, 4, Sat Guru Nagar, Ludhiana. |
| 12. | Jathedar Kulwant Singh Dukhia, General Secretary, Shiromani Akali Dal (Master Tara Singh) 65, Khud Mohalla, Ludhiana. |
| 13. | Shri Tarsem Lal Adya, Sona Cloth House, Ludhiana. |
| 14. | Mrs. Asha Kailey, MA. Jt. Organiser, Punjab Congress Women's Section. Ludhiana. |

**Direct dialling facility between India and Pakistan**

1430. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cities in India and Pakistan which have been covered so far by the semi-automatic telephone service recently introduced by India and Pakistan;

(b) the details of the future programme of expansion in this respect; and

(c) the number of cities in the two countries which have direct dialling facility and what is the plan of expansion in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) All cities and towns in India on NSD (National Subscriber Dialling) network and all cities and towns in Pakistan on their NWSD (Nationwide Subscriber Dialling) have been covered by semi-automatic telephone service. There are 326 such cities and towns in India.

(b) Already all the cities available on Indian NSD network and Pakistan NWSD network are in the programme. In future whenever any additional cities in India or Pakistan come on National subscriber Dialling network, these will automatically get the facility of semi-automatic access.

(c) Direct subscriber to subcriber dialling facitity between India and Pakistan is not available at present. Discussion with Pakistan on plans for providing this facility are going. The stations to be provided with the facility will be finalised when plans are mutually agreed.

**I.S.D. facility**

1431. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA: SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) how many countries have been connected with main four Indian cities with International Subscriber Dialling (I.S.D.) facility and which are these countries; and

(b) whether it is proposed to extend this facility to some other countries in the near future and if so, which are these countries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) The International Subscriber Dialling (I.S.D.) facility is available from 4 metropolitan cities in India viz., Bombay, Delhi, Calcutta and Madras with 11 countries namely, Australia, Austria, Belgium, France, Hongkong, Italy, Japan, Malaysia, Netherlands, Singapore and United Kingdom.

(b) Yes, Sir. Expansion of the service to include more countries is under consideration but actual introduction of the